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Thirty Firefighters Prepare to Graduate from Fire Training Academy

Chief John Batiste announced that 30 firefighters were preparing to graduate from the Washington State Patrol, Fire Training Academy.

The Fire Training Academy Recruit School program is a 10 week course that meets all National Fire Protection Association Standards for certification at the Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Operations level. Additionally, these firefighters are recognized by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress for their achievements. Graduating firefighters learn basic fire service principles through classroom instruction, written and practical examinations and rigorous hands-on live fire training.

On August 26, 2005, 30 candidates started the Recruit Class 2005-03. On November 4th, all 30 of these candidates will graduate with accreditation and certification of Firefighter 1 and Hazardous Material Operations. This class is composed of 17 career and 13 volunteer firefighters; 28 males and 2 female, and represent 20 fire departments. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Fire Training Academy and start at 1:00 pm.

The following fire departments and districts are represented in the upcoming graduating class:

Bainbridge Island Fire Department	(1)	Monroe Fire District 3	(2)
East Pierce Fire & Rescue	(1)	Mount Vernon Fire Department	(1)
Everett Fire Department	(2)	North Highline Fire Department	(1)
King County Fire District #2	(1)	Pacific Fire Department	(2)
Kirkland Fire Department	(3)	Pasco Fire Department	(2)
Long Beach Fire Department	(1)	Pierce County Fire District #16	(1)
Maple Valley Fire Department	(1)	Pierce County Fire District #18	(2)

Port of Portland	(2)		
Redmond Fire Department	(1)	Snohomish Fire District #26	(1)
Renton Fire Department	(2)	Whatcom County Fire District #6	(1)
Snohomish Fire District #14	(2)		

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of fire protection systems and school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information you may visit our web page at www.wsp.wa.gov and then click on State Fire Marshal.

For more information on the Fire Training Academy contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 753-0400.

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